ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hydrogen occluding material which occludes much more hydrogen than conventional alkali metal hydride (such as NaAlH₄) through reversible reactions and yet permits hydrogen occlusion and release in one stage at a lower operating temperature, and a method for using said hydrogen occluding material are provided.

A hydrogen occluding material which comprises an aluminum hydride represented by the formula (1) below.

$$AlH_x$$
 ... (1)

(where $0 \le x \le 3$.)

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A method for using a hydrogen occluding material, said method comprising hydrogenating and/or dehydrogenating at 200°C or below a hydrogen occluding material composed of an aluminum hydride represented by the formula (1) above.